PH, JNS CONFIDENTIAL 7/25/71

While trying to clear my desk and kind for returning to the writing of PM, which now seems rush priority, I have come accross a carbon of my 6/18 in response to PH's 6/9 that I hadn't filed. I skimmed it in haste to try to determine if this were carelessness or if I'd left it out for some special purpose (and do not know).

I note two things in in that I here take time to emphasize. You, or course, do as you see fit, but I encourage you to consider what I regard as a rather good track record of mine in regard to these matters.

You seem to refer to something confidential to the CTIA. That is the greatest foolishness, sheer insanity. There is no such thing with them. I then counselled you to write Jim, personally, at home with things you want them to know and yet kept in confidence. I do not know what Smith's problems are, except job and marital, and I'm not referring to them, but he is as wild and farout and yearning to make something of that nothingness as Bud, in some ways more so and in serious ways much worse and much more irresponsibly. I have wasted an enormous amount of time, energy and emotion trying to frustrate their greater insanities when I can detect them.

In this letter I referred to Bud's/CTIA's (inseparable, one thing) great yearning for accomplishment and the incredible immorality if there is even in the state of his ignorance of the elemental fact any prospect, when he'll do anything, what in all other areas of his life would be impossible for him. Believe me, this eats him worse than Garrison, for in JG's case, he spent his time boasting to an omnipresent court.

If the newest, Cook's sick think in The Nation 7/19, just a month after this, my latest warning, doesn't convince you, you can't be convinced. That follows a minor one by Cook guised as an article on the FBI. Bud is his new hero, having discovered sex, North America, and even "found" the Dallas researchers. There is nothing he didn't do, no accomplishment in the filed not his. Now with Cook, who like the others who failed to do anything in assassination inv/writing has nothing but failure and thus has his own hangups, this is more serious than the limited circulation of The Nation would indicate, for it is a serious undermining of the only serious work in the field, all of which is outside the CTIA, in the minds of many of those who have influence with and are in the press, including the major media. It also serves to attract to the CTIA only those who do have info (and nobody else ever hears of it if they get it) and those willing to help. There is nobody, considering the CTIA as working in the field, less in need of Help. Bud is much more loaded than he lets anyone know. But when he can persuade a writer like Cook, who knows better, to do the kinds of dishonest things he has done in these two writings, he is making progress and in his ownmind is already santified, St. Bud the Alldoingallknowing. This is an new sickness with which you may have had little or no contact, but I have been with those ravaged by it and in utmost seriousness I warn you of its consequences. You have enough illustrations, as with blowing the Davison thing. I think this has gotten so bad that Bud really got Flammonde into the CTIA only so he could write of Bud as he did of JG. And there is nothing, absolutely nothing, Bud will not do to get himself so written of. There have been other cases of which I've not bothered you, and they all hurt all other work.

The sad truth is that nice as he is, and he really is a very nice guy in all other ways, and I think without realization of it, Bud regards not joining and working for the CTIA only is the greatest social crime of all. He regards all workin the filed as his personal property. And the torturings of his mind of which is is capable to justify all the bad things he does trouble even his closest. While he can be generous in minor ways with me, he can also chisel, as with repaying my costs in getting Ray for his client(and then not keeping the rest of the deal for ego reasons only,and then having to come back to me too lat to do what neither he nor his could). The things on money are so bad I won't record the rest. And he goes around telling people I am secretly loaded and pretend to be a pauper for some special reason never made clear. It comes back to me form even those close to him. It is, I think, a self-justifying mechanism for at heart his is not at all this kind of guy. Anyway, I refused to join, specified why, was obviously right(which hurt him more-he can't change on this) and made this arrangement: I would deal with him only, in confidence, everything to be kept away from CTIA files. He agreed, never did it, never intended to, and you know of one case where he flashed this stuff out there and of what Sprague did with it. After the first Sprague thinng

as with the Davison dinhonesty of which I learned only by accident, I really raised hell and he agreed that everything of mine would be retrieved from their files and returned except for current legal matters. You know how long ago that was. It has not been done. All members were to get a mailing insistenting that nothing copied and every nut in the world did it at random and freely) from the CTIA files was to be sued without checking. The first two drafts were shit and I rejected them. So, they've done nothing. I have, repeatedly, reminded, politely, and it hasn't worked. They've done nothing.

For other reasons Jimwas to come up today. There were things I wanted him to know that would not be in other minds or files. And, I will tell him these things. But that is not all. I will now insist upon performance on these past promises and I'm prepared to make a real issue of it. Poor Jim, who is in the middle! He knows I consider him the only rational and trustworthy one in the bunch, but he alone can do it, and it is a question of close to survival, as with JG. In confidence, Jim and Bud's fine partner, Bill, are deeply concerned about this. It was on Bill's insistence that Bud separated his law office from that of the CTIA, and he, personally, pays for the CTIA's space, two rooms in the bldg in which the law office was. Both have discussed it with me.

As of now our relations are going to have to change, for I can't be a lemming. Bud had again offered to handle some FOI cases for me, for I've done all the necessary except the filing, they should all win, and he'd get the credit, at the slight cost of the filing fees and perhaps some typing. In every case, I have prepared all the papers from which he has prepared his, and in every fuckup it is where he departed from the work I did. He knows the law in the school-room, not the court-room sense, and he is not good in court. He has a way (ego-rooted, I suppose) or changing things without consultation that has, without exception, been wrong. And very costly. What our suits have accomplished he had nothing to do, with, believe me, and I got the summary judgement when he was not even in town. It doesn't really bother me to keep silent about these things in public, but it does gall me to have so much work ruined, and so many prospects ended, for no good reason, and then to have to sit back and take the kind of stuff represented by this Cook crap. I haven8t even discussed it with my wife (and I've seen to it that she can't read the piece), and I have no intentions of saying anything to others except to Jim. But Bud is not handling any more of my suits. They'll go unfiled or I'll do them entirely myself, as I did with the clothing/pix, which I think you will find has been the most significant thing to date when it is all over. If Jim will counsel with me on them, I'll welcome that. He is good, not self-seeking, and extremely sharp, plus honest enough to be conscious of his lack of knowledge of detail. He has he seeks to eliminate error, for one good example, knowing he can be prone to it. And his work on the law is all that Bud has done. It is not Bud's. Jim does the dirty work, as he did in the Ray case, too. (By the way, almost 100% of the newest pleading, 6/10 in Jackson, Tenn., is from F-U, and there have been no papers filed without Bud asking me to do the draft, then he and Jim come up here-do not even ask me to go down there-and we go over it verbally. And then Jim does the drafting.) So, what I am telling you here is that all Bud has brought into this thus far is his $$$, and he uses them for selfish purposes only.

I could go on with chapter and verse. The only reason I take this time now is because we are again at the point of accomplishment and I do not again want it ruined, as JG did. I can't tell you what to do and what not to do, but I do encourage you to give and tell them nothing that can have any serious possibilities of accomplishment, nothig that can in any way be jeopardized with misuse, and absolutely nothing that has anything to do with me.

I developed and healed an ulcer without knowing I had one. Now, for the first time except when there was incorrect medication, it is botherin me. I think it is because of worry over what all of this may do it us and all we have done. I know it is not in anger over this endless crediting of everyone else's work to Bud, and Cook knows better than he wrote, having reviewed F-U and knowing O in NO, for the one serious original offer I had from a large publisher who would not touch F-U is "a short, sensationally-written, first-person account of what you have done in the Ray case", and I refused it out of hand although it could have meant $$$$$ and would have taken perhaps a week for a complete first draft. Thus, I am not trying to push myself or sublimate Bud, and the casual and slight record in F-U shows this. Anyway, I must do other things. I am quite serious about this caution and I do hope you will take it seriously and do whatever you can to prevent the kind of disaster I warn you impends, to learn from the JG disaster. With deep concern, HW